



Addressing the root causes of large movements of refugees

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Refugee Data and Trends – Middle East and North Africa

- Forced displacement has increased to unprecedented levels, with record-high numbers.
- There are **over 21 million** refugees, asylum-seekers and internally displaced persons in the region.
- The MENA region accounts for **more than 30 per cent** of the global population of concern.

Overview

- Conflicts in the Syrian Arab Republic and Iraq have significantly contributed to the rise in the global number of displaced people.
- Currently, there are **5 million Syrian refugees** and **264,000 Iraq refugees** in the region.

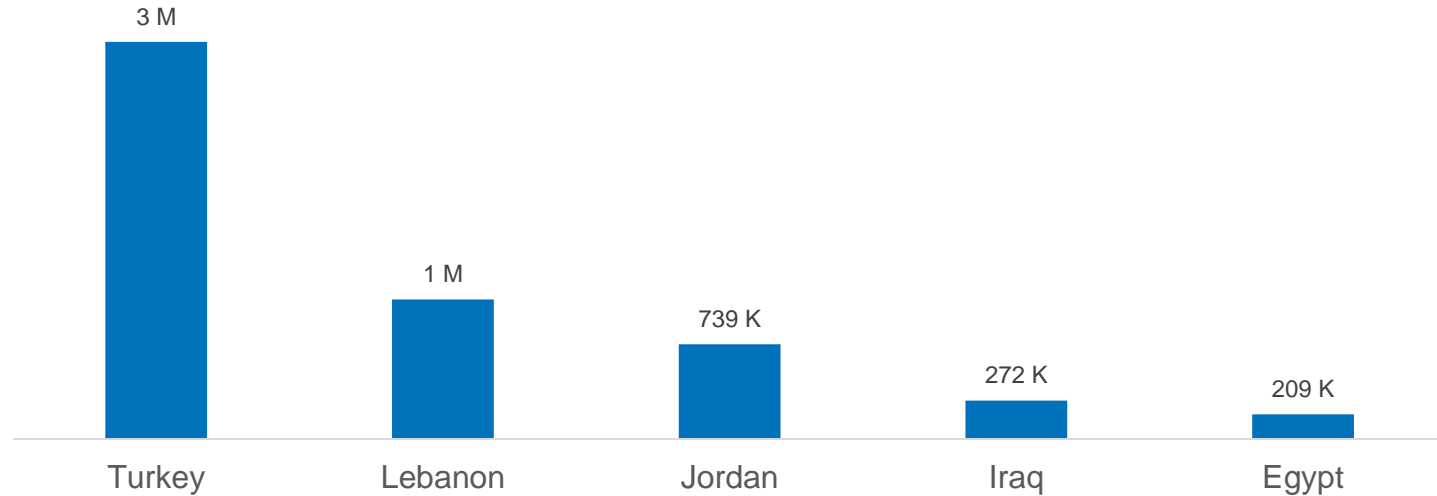
Children below 18 years of age and women and girls constitute half of the refugee population in the region.

50.9% Children

50.3% Women and girls



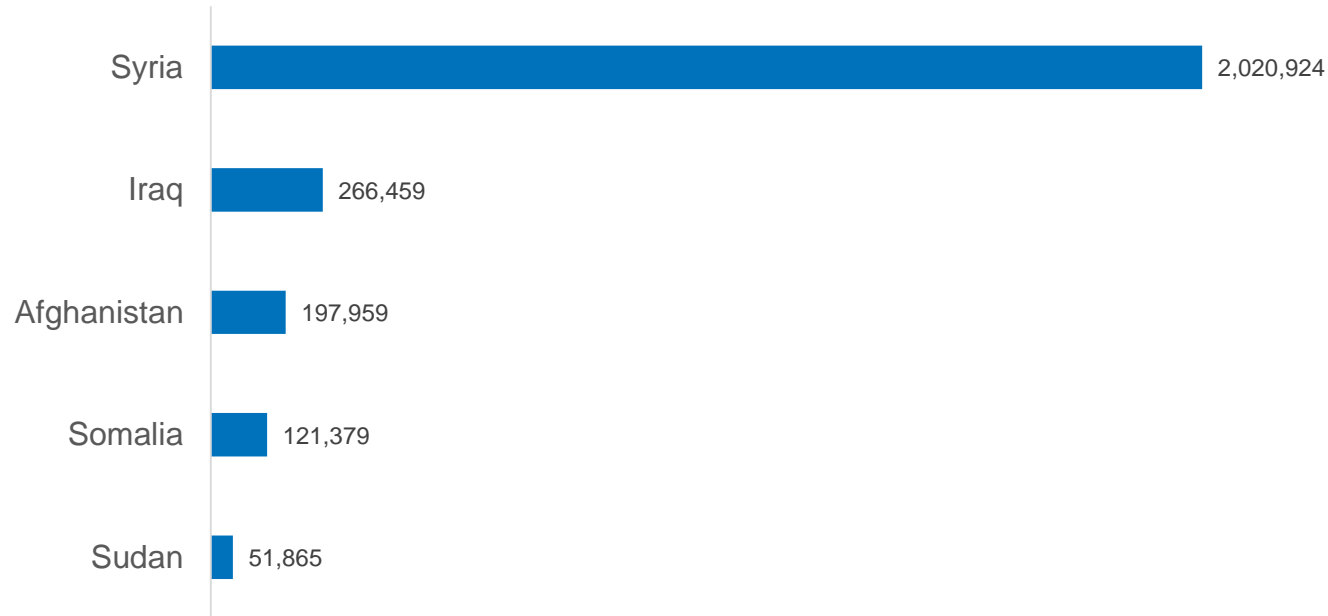
Top hosting countries in the region



Turkey is the biggest host country worldwide, with 3 million refugees.

Lebanon hosts more refugees compared to its population than any other country, nearly one refugee for every five citizens.

Top source countries of refugees in the region



Syrians are now the world's largest population of concern under UNHCR's mandate



Why people move?

Some factors

- Continuing conflict and violence.
- Deteriorating security and humanitarian situation.
- No sign of a solution in sight; hope is dwindling for many refugees.
- Refugees are increasingly exhausting their savings and resources, falling further into poverty.
- Limited livelihood and education opportunities.
- Underfunding continues to impact delivery of services.

3RP: A response model since 2015

- **One** plan, **five** country chapters to **amplify** country responses;
- **Country-driven**, regionally coherent plan for Syrian Refugees
- Broad regional **partnership** strategy (240 partners) fostering innovation
- Platform for **advocacy, fundraising, information management** and **monitoring**
- Convened by **UNHCR** (refugee component) and **UNDP** (resilience component)

Protection

- **Every refugee child begins life with a birth certificate.**
- **Children and youth** are the most vulnerable amongst those displaced and affected by armed conflict and persecution.
- Access to **education** is not just a priority, but **a guarantee of a human right.**
- **SGBV prevention and response** need to prioritise **access to quality services** for survivors and persons at risk.

Thank you